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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

SECRETARY MANNING has issued an order
reducing the service in the Oswego
(N. Y.) Custom House five men. The sav-
ing in salaries will be about \$5,000 per
year.

THREE fatal cases of sunstroke occurred
at Washington on the 25th.

THE Chief of the Bureau of Statistics re-
ports that the total values of the imports
of merchandise during the twelve months
ended June 30, 1885, were \$77,476,850, and
during the previous twelve months \$67,
875,774, a decrease of \$9,229,844. The val-
ues of the exports of merchandise for the
twelve months ended June 30, 1885, were
\$71,895,093, and for the twelve months
ended June 30, 1884, were \$74,513,829, an
increase of \$1,380,644.

THE body of ex-Minister Phelps is ex-
pected to arrive at Washington from Peru
at the end of August.

SECRETARY HAYARD, in a letter to Gov-
ernor Ireland, of Texas, stated that Con-
ductor King, arrested some time ago in
Mexico, was wrong in putting the Mexican
customs official off his train.

THE issue of standard silver dollars from
the mints during the week ended July 25,
1885, was \$236,998, and for the correspond-
ing period of 1884, \$200,498.

COMPLAINTS having been received at
the Department of Agriculture, Washing-
ton, that the sorghum seed distributed
this year failed to grow, samples of it
were tested in the gardens of the depart-
ment and it was found that only about ten
per cent. of it would sprout.

THE Marine Hospital Bureau of Wash-
ington has been informed that up to July
20 there had been twenty-four cases and
four deaths from yellow fever at Havana.

THE Secretary of the Interior, in a letter
dated the 25th, stated that no further time
than the forty-day limit would be per-
mitted the cattlemen to get their stock and
themselves out of the Indian Territory.

THE clerks in the Fourth Auditor's Office
at Washington were dismissed on the 25th
for various causes. Their places were filled
by transfers from other offices.

THE EAST.

The firm of Balcock & Andrews, brok-
ers, of Syracuse, N. Y., with forty branch
offices throughout the State, suspended the
other morning. Liabilities, \$500,000; as-
sets, nothing.

It was recently reported that the towns
of Atco, Jackson, Sloanstown, Waterford,
Pestletown, Winklow, Westtown, Ham-
manton, Alsecon, and a number of other
small places in Camden and Burlington
Counties, N. J., were surrounded by brush
and wood fires, and all the inhabitants
were out fighting the flames.

The New Jersey forest fires were
quenched on the 25th by heavy rains.

The annual stockholders' meeting of
Captain Eads' Ship Canal Company,
which organized under the laws of New
Jersey, was held in Jersey City recently.
The most important business transacted
was the election of ex-Secretary William
Windom as President, Mr. Eads making
the nomination.

A detail of troops is to be left in the
house at Mr. McGregor, N. Y., where Gen-
eral Grant died to prevent the depreda-
tion of relic-hunters.

The West Shore Railroad has been leased
to the New York Central.

C. R. CARTER & Co., wholesale and re-
tail dealers in ladies' cloaks and suits, at
Boston, have failed. It is reported that
the liabilities amount to between \$100,000
and \$150,000.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, grandson of Presi-
dent Van Buren, died at New York on the
25th. He was a bachelor and a prominent
society man.

Five the other afternoon at the works of
the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Com-
pany, on the Delaware River, Philadelphia,
caused a loss of \$100,000. Three buildings
were destroyed. There was an insurance
of about \$175,000.

THE burial place of General Grant has
been changed to Riverside Park, New York.

JOHN A. DUTTLE, a prominent coal op-
erator of Mahanoy Plane, Pa., has been fore-
closed by the Sheriff. His liabilities are
about \$150,000.

AN official of the Pennsylvania Railway
Company said recently at Philadelphia that
there was no truth in the report that the
company contemplated an advance in
emigrant rates.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire occurred at Manns-
ville, N. Y., the other morning. Every
stone in town, nine dwellings and the
Church of the Disciples were burned.
Loss estimated \$20,000; insurance, \$45,000.

THE employees of the Westinghouse Air
Brake Company, at Pittsburgh, Pa., have
been notified that their wages will be re-
duced from 5 per cent. in some instances to
33 per cent. in others. The average reduc-
tion is 20 per cent.

THE WEST.

A POLICE officer was shot in Chicago re-
cently by Charles M. Eberts, a machinist
of Topeka, Kan. The officer received three
bullets and Eberts one, though none were
fatal. Eberts was finally knocked down
by a bystander before he had time to use
a second weapon.

A MYSTERIOUS looking box shipped by
express recently from Black River Falls
to Chicago, was examined by officers at
Elroy, Wis., and found to contain a man
heavily armed. He was arrested with two
others, supposed confederates, in an at-
tempt to rob the express car.

GENERAL MILES was reported as saying
there would be no further troubles with
the Indians of the Territory.

At What Cheer, Iowa, the other day, an
attempt was made by fifteen men to pur-
loin a lot of liquors that had been taken by
the Prohibition League on search war-
rants. The liquors were stored in the post-
office basement. Postmaster B. S. Brain-
ard was awakened and placed himself on
guard. As the door was broken in to be fired,
killing John Dey and it was believed an
other man was carried off.

STRIKERS on the Payne avenue street
railroad at Chicago were accused recently
of poisoning the company's horses, three
of whom died, several others being in a
pitiable condition.

A MAN named Monaghan was arrested re-
cently at Chicago for destroying a picture
of General Grant which had been placed in
a store.

THE mill on the Chicago River, owned by
Bay City, Mich., has been destroyed by
fire, as which the loss is estimated at
\$100,000.

A WILSON (A. T.) special says: Geronimo
and his band is reported in the
Dragon Mountains. They ran off some
stock near Charleston on the 25th and com-
mitted several depredations.

JOHN A. BENSON, civil engineer and con-
tractor, of San Francisco, has assigned.
Liabilities, \$150,000. Assets said to be
equal to the indebtedness.

The propeller Cuba, the largest in the
world, was partially destroyed by fire at
Chicago recently. The loss was \$90,000.
All the passengers were saved by the fire-
men.

ONE hundred female employees in the
weaving department of cotton mills at
Evansville, Ind., struck the other day on
account of a reduction of 15 per cent. in
their wages.

T. E. MILLS, Secretary of the Iowa Le-
gion of Honor, his daughter and her friend,
Miss Hull, were drowned in the Cedar
River, about fourteen miles below Cedar
Rapids, Iowa, the other morning.

A SOUTH-BOUND passenger train on the
Chicago & Indianapolis Air Line division
of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago
Railroad, when rounding a curve a mile
north of Delphi, Ind., ran into a drove of
cattle. Baggage-master Robinson was badly
hurt and eight head of cattle were killed.
There were fifty passengers aboard, none
of whom were hurt.

WILLIAM SMITH, son of Andrew Smith,
Postmaster at Blue Earth City, Minn., was
arrested at Minneapolis, Minn., recently,
charged with robbing the mails. The evi-
dence against the prisoner was conclusive,
and after his arrest he made a full confes-
sion.

THE Mexican editors were reported as
increased at certain articles reflecting on
Mexico, recently printed in the St. Louis
Globe-Democrat and the Post-Dispatch,
and in consequence refused to accept the
hospitalities tendered them by the Mer-
chants' Exchange of that city.

A CIVILIAN passenger about four miles west
of Lake Geneva, Wis., the other morning,
going through Samuel W. Allen's place,
tearing up large trees and wrecking his
fine steam yacht, sinking it in twenty feet
of water.

THE SOUTH.

The frigate Tennessee, flying the flag of
Rear Admiral Jouett, commanding the
North Atlantic Squadron, arrived in
Hampton, Va., on the 25th from her six
months' cruise. The health of the officers
and crew was good.

BREWER BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES
McDONALD, Assistant Medical Purveyor
of the United States Army, retired, one of
the oldest officers of the army, died at Ber-
rville, Va., recently. He had served over
fifty years.

The freighter North Pacific, Ga., on the
Georgia Pacific Road, fell recently, while a
passenger train bound for Atlanta was
passing over it, pitching a passenger car
downward. Six persons were seriously
hurt, two of them fatally.

At Savannah, Ga., on the Richmond &
Danville Railroad, a ditch train ran over a
cow recently, throwing one from the
track. In the car were fifteen negro train
hands and six bars of iron. The car turned
on its side and the iron fell upon the
negroes, killing seven and wounding three
more.

REV. DR. W. R. DAVIS, pastor of the
Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., re-
signed recently by request of his congre-
gation, who complained that he did not
preach loud enough and did not raise
them to a pitch of fervor.

A DEED between W. B. Walker and Sam-
uel J. Dalton of Aberdeen, Miss., was
frustrated recently by the arrest of the par-
ties at Starkville. They were on their way
to Memphis to arrange for a fight.

THE other evening, during a heavy thun-
der storm, lightning struck the house of
W. J. Rains, at Lovelady, Tex. Six children,
playing on the veranda, were prostrated
by the shock, one of whom died. Two
others were in a critical condition and
could hardly survive. Mrs. Rains was
severely prostrated.

A FIRE broke out in Williams & Co.'s
planing mill at Memphis, Tenn., recent-
ly, burning that building together with 1,000-
000 feet of lumber; also the warehouse, and
W. N. Wilkerson & Co.'s warehouse, two
brick residences on Gayoso street, Sale,
Cole & Co.'s warehouse on the corner of
Gayoso and Hernando streets, and eight
small dwellings. Total loss about \$125,000;
one-third insured.

GENERAL FITZ HUGH LEE was nominated
by the recent Democratic convention at
Richmond for Governor of Virginia.

GEROME F. MANNING, an attorney, has
been disbarred from practicing before the
Court of Alabama Claims for alleged inso-
lence to the court.

A FORTION of the old Perry rolling mill
at South Wilmington, Del., fell recently,
and several men were buried in the ruins.
George Ely, carpenter, and William Jones,
draughtsman, were killed instantly, and
five or six others wounded.

THE Hon. C. B. Stewart died at his home
in Montgomery, Tex., on the 25th, his
eighty-first year. He emigrated to Texas
in 1830, and became an active participant
in the stirring scenes transpiring at that
time.

AN article in the Moscow Gazette, re-
ported to be inspired by the Czar,
declares that Russia has reached the fur-
thest limits to which she desires to go, and
that the Government considers its ventures
in Central Asia at an end.

RETURNS from all but five of the obolera
infected districts in Spain placed the
number of new cases on the 25th at 2,542; deaths,
919. The contagion had spread to the pro-
vince of Logrono, where several cases oc-
curred.

KHALIFA ABDOLLA has assumed the
leadership of the followers of the late
Mahdi.

QURAN military law has been established
at Frankfurt on the Main in consequence
of the recent Socialistic disturbances in
that city.

The Irish party were reported as furious
over Mr. Bright's remarks at the Spencer
banquet. This feeling indicated a still
wider divergence growing into enmity be-
tween Liberals and Nationalists.

THERE was a report in the City of Mexico
of revolutionary disturbances at Tuzam-
pan, but the Government did not consider the
affair at all serious.

M. DELAROSSE, in his recent report on
the Panama Canal Company, announced
that the canal would be completed in 1890.

THE figure shown that the execution of
Victor Hugo would be a robbery.

THE post of St. Louis, his headquarters,
as which the loss is estimated at
\$100,000.

THE Forte is making unusual prepara-
tions for the defense of Tripoli. The gar-
rison has been increased by 2,000 men,
heavy Krupp guns are being mounted in
the fortress and 2,000 torpedoes have been
laid in the fort.

AN explosion occurred recently in one of
the collieries at St. Etienne, France, and a
number of miners were imprisoned. Eight
dead bodies were recovered.

The report of Oliver Pain's death has
been fully confirmed by Father Bonomi, an
Italian priest who has been in El Mahdi's
camp and who has returned to Wady Halfa.

A condition of complete anarchy reigns
throughout the province and the city of
Dongola.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE, the Jewish cen-
turyman philanthropist, died at Ramsgate,
Eng., on the 25th.

The steamer Isle Royale, owned by
Cooley, Lovague & Co., of Duluth, and
plying between Duluth and Port Arthur,
sprung a leak on the 25th and sank near
Susick Island. All the passengers and
crew were saved. She was valued at \$15-
000, and was fully insured.

CALHAN's motion of censure of John
Bright for his utterances at the Spencer
banquet was rejected by the British House
of Commons. Calhan took occasion to ex-
press his contempt of Bright and of the
House.

THE Corporation of the City of Dublin
voted to present Hon. Patrick A. Collins,
of Boston, the freedom of the city.

BARTON MACKAY, United States Consul
at Rio Grande De Sal, Brazil, arrived in
Washington recently on a leave of ab-
sence. Mackay is the Consul who, some
weeks since, had a shooting affray with a
Brazilian editor. The Consul reports that
a colony of ex-Confederate soldiers is
located in Southern Brazil. The colony
numbers about 500 persons and is doing
well.

SENIOR CASTELLAN, the Republican
leader, was making a tour of Galicia,
Spain, recently. His reception by the
people was enthusiastic. The Government
prohibited the holding of banquets or ser-
enades in his honor.

SEVERAL Liberal religious societies of
London were reported organizing volun-
teer expeditions to visit the cholera in-
fected districts of Spain, to so far as pos-
sible alleviate the sufferings of the inhabi-
tants.

At a Papal Consistory the Pope pro-
claimed the Rev. Father Byrne Bishop of
Mobile, Ala., and the Very Rev. R. Phelan,
present Vice-General, Coadjutor Bishop of
Pittsburgh.

The health of the Emperor William, while
at Gastein, was greatly improved. He
walked well, saluting or talking with
friends he met. There were some fears,
however, that the Emperor was exercising
himself too much.

The rate of postage on letters from the
United States to Australia and New Zea-
land via England, Brindisi and the Suez
Canal has been reduced from 15 to 12 cents,
making it uniform with the rate via San
Francisco.

DR. HENRI MILNE EDWARDS, the French
scientist, is dead.

THE United States Consul at Denia,
Spain, reported to the State Department
by cable that cholera had been
officially declared at that port.

THE committee appointed to inquire into
the disclosures recently made by the Pall
Mall Gazette reported the charges of im-
morality against the rich classes of London
as substantially true.

EXTENSIVE frauds have been discovered
in the accounts of the Munster Bank (Ire-
land). Mr. Farquharson, one of the joint
managers of the Dublin branch, is missing
with \$500,000 of the bank's funds.

THE people of Huesca, Spain, have risen
in revolt against the execution of the ex-
cise laws. The rioting was serious. The
enraged people attacked the office of the
excise collector and burned it to the
ground.

THE LATEST.

GENERAL GRANT'S cottage at Mt. Mc-
Gregor, N. Y., was struck by lightning
on the evening of the 25th. The electric light
above the casket was extinguished, and
Colonel Beck and General R. H. Jackson,
the attendants in charge, were rendered
insensible for some time by the shock.

THE Secretary of State received from
Lima recently a telegram announcing the
death of Lieutenant Nye, the naval attaché
to the American Legation at that place.

BUSINESS failures for the United States
for week ended July 20, 1885: for Canada,
25; a total of 201 as against 215 the week
previous.

THE property of the Bankers & Mer-
chants' Telegraph Company was sold, at
Washington for extending illegal res.

CHARLES L. SKINNER, of Baltimore, was
recently disbarred from practice as an
attorney before the Interior Department
at Washington for extending illegal res.

The Registrar-General's quarterly re-
turns estimates the present population of Ire-
land at 4,294,342, showing a great de-
crease, which is chiefly owing to emigration
to America.

By a violent storm at Fargo, Dak., re-
cently, an iron electric tower, 100 feet high,
was blown down and twisted out of any
semblance of its original appearance.
Many tin roofs and trees in the city were
carried away and great damage done in
the country near Glyndon.

The Boer Republic of South Africa de-
clines the claims of the British Government
upon St. Lucia Bay and asks Continental
European powers to consider the bay a
free port.

The incoming Leadville passenger train
due at Denver at 9:30 the other morning
exploded another dynamite cartridge about
two and one-half miles south of Denver.
The engine and tender were badly wrecked
and one length of the track was torn up.
The passengers were uninjured.

STANLEY HUNTLEY, a popular writer for
the press and author of the famous "Spoo-
nendyke Papers," died at New York re-
cently.

In the British House of Commons
an amendment to the Criminal Bill
providing for the flogging of prisoners con-
victed of outraging children was rejected
by 125 to 91. An amendment raising the
age of protection of girls to sixteen was
carried by a vote of 179 to 71.

MRS. Mee got into a bucket to be hauled
to the top of a shaft connecting with the
Cottons aqueducts at New York the
other day. When up 60 feet the bucket
sprung on a projection and tipped. Four
men were thrown out, two into the
water, but the other two, William Cum-
mings and George Haggard, were
saved.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

R. E. LAWRENCE, of Wichita, and H. C.
Lindsay, of Topeka, have been appointed
by Governor Martin as delegates to the
Cattle and Stock Growers' Association of
the United States, which meets at St. Louis
November 25 to 28.

A YOUTHPFUL cyclone recently visited
Russell, partly unroofing the Russell mill,
totally unroofing two or three barns and
demolishing several lighter buildings and
sheds. It carried the roof of one barn
about three hundred feet.

Mrs. J. M. ANDERSON, wife of a well-
known contractor at Emporia, was found
dead upon her bed the other evening.
The expression of the features and cramped
and shrunken condition of the body indi-
cated death by poisoning. A coroner's
jury after a post mortem examination ren-
dered a verdict of death by suicidal poi-
soning. She had frequently expressed the
intention of committing suicide. The un-
fortunate woman was addicted to the in-
temperate use of liquor, which led to her
death.

A BOLD robbery was recently perpetrated
in North Topeka in broad daylight. M. C.
Holman, proprietor of a furniture house,
had gone to dinner and left his father in
charge. A couple of men came in and,
after prying various articles, bought some
best casters worth twenty cents. They
handed the gentleman a two-dollar bill
and he went to the safe to get change, they
following and seeing where he kept the
keys. They soon returned and while one
engaged the attention of the elder Holman
the other was robbing of \$150 in money.

JOHN MURPHY, a recently sentenced at
Topeka to seven years in the Penitentiary
for robbing a Santa Fe freight car of a roll
of leather valued at \$50. He has hereto-
fore served in several other Penitentiaries.

NOBLES, the colored court doctor who was
recently arrested at Kansas City and taken
to Atchison upon the charge of being con-
cerned in the Mary Baldwin murder, suc-
ceeded in establishing his innocence and was
discharged.

WILLIAM SUTER, a fireman on the Jun-
ction City & Fort Kearney Railway, was
run over in the yards at Junction City the
other night, and his left arm was cut off
close to the shoulder. He will probably die.

JAMES COFFEY, of Oak Valley, shot him-
self through the heart the other night. No
cause is given for the rash act. He was
about twenty-two years old.

THE other evening a middle aged man
rode into West Plains about dusk on a fine
black horse. He carried an old-fashioned
tin horn strapped on his side. He put up
at the hotel, but no information could be
obtained as to his name or antecedents, as
he was quite reserved and silent. Early
next morning he mounted his steed and
started off in a sweeping gallop down the
southern trail, blowing his horn. Some
miles south of town is a salt well which
formed where years ago a creek had flowed
and which lies directly in the old trail.
The camper went charging down the
trail, his horse covered with foam, and
rode straight into the hole. Both man and
horse were drowned.

IN answer to the letter of Governor Mar-
tin protesting against locating the Apaches
in the Indian Territory, Indian Commis-
sioner Adkins replied that under the pro-
visions of the act approved February 17,
1875, removal of said Indians to the In-
dian Territory is prohibited unless the
same shall be hereafter authorized by act
of Congress, and he felt assured that there
is no effort or intention on the part of any
bureau or department of the Government
to violate either the language or the spirit
and intent of said act.

AN accident occurred to the engine of
the Kansas City accommodation train,
about two miles south of Topeka the other
morning. The train was running very
fast, when the driving rod broke and one
piece was thrown up, striking one of the
braces which held the foot board and
knocking it loose from the boiler. The
steam escaped very rapidly from the torn
boiler, and before the engineer and fireman
could get out of the way both were badly
scalded.

PURKEY, the defaulting penitentiary book-
keeper who was recently arrested at Cin-
cinnati, has been taken back to Leaven-
worth for trial. It is stated that after run-
ning away from Leavenworth he went to
St. Louis, and from there by boat to New
Orleans, where he obtained work without
difficulty, as he had been an experienced
mechanic. In New Orleans he met several
of his old acquaintances, none of whom
recognized him except when he made him-
self known to them. From New Orleans
Purkey went to Cincinnati, where he also ob-
tained work. Here he was discovered by
the detectives, due, it is said, to informa-
tion given by the woman Devore, to whom
he had been writing ever since he left, and